

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ROUNDSTONE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize, and offer my congratulations to, Roundstone Elementary School of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. This year Roundstone Elementary was one of four Kentucky public schools to be recognized by the Department of Education and the National Association of State Title I Directors as a Title I Distinguished School. I was exceedingly glad to learn of this award, and would like to take this time to recognize all the students, teachers, parents, and administrators of Roundstone Elementary for this outstanding achievement.

Title I is the largest federal education program and was established to provide funding for low-income schools. But funding alone does not ensure success at any level. It is how you use the funds that count. As one Roundstone teacher said, "Some people have the misconception that schools with students from low-income families or high-poverty areas will not achieve, but we never think of those factors. We just love students, have high expectations for them, and focus on giving them the best education possible." This year recipients are being recognized for their effective use of Title I funds by providing students with quality instruction, for achieving academic progress, and meeting high standards.

At Roundstone, a small elementary school in rural southeastern Kentucky, the students are achieving results and exceeding expectations. This is a result not only of the student's hard work, but the dedication of their teachers. They realized that the first step toward success was creating an environment in which all students, no matter their ability, can effectively learn. Second, they have designed a curriculum in which students are encouraged to learn and think critically, to delve into science and mathematical problems, and to write creatively. Lastly, the parents of the students are involved throughout the process. It is critically important that parents have proper consultation on their children's curriculum, and the parents at Roundstone have been integral to the program's success.

It is clear that education has become one of the most important issues to concerned citizens of this nation. Parents, teachers, and public policy makers at the state and national levels know that the wisest investment we as a nation can make is ensuring that our children are given an education to meet the challenges ahead. I, too, share this concern, as do all members of this body. It is a challenge from which we must not shy away.

Again, I want to say congratulations to the students, teachers, and parents of

Roundstone Elementary on being recognized as a Title I Distinguished School. In a time when we talk about results and accountability, Roundstone has proven to be a model for other public schools across this nation. We should all be proud of their accomplishments, and I wish them every success in the coming years.

HONORING KATHY FARLEY ON  
HER RETIREMENT

## HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the career of one of Southern Colorado's leading citizens. Kathy Farley resigned from her position as executive director of the Southern Colorado Family Foundation so she can spend more time with her grandchildren and family. The work that Kathy has done over the years helping the community has earned her the thanks of Congress.

A Colorado native, Kathy graduated from Denver East High School in 1955. She received a Bachelors of Art in history and education from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1959. Through out her career, Kathy served on many boards including serving as a Pueblo County Commissioner from 1991-1995. She is also a member and past president of the Pueblo Conservancy District as well as the vice-president of the State Board of Parks and Recreation.

Kathy is also the co-founder and trustee of distinction of the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center. In 1990, Kathy was named the Business Women's Network Women of the Year and in 1985 she was given the Outstanding Woman Award by the Pueblo Girls Club.

Kathy and her husband are original donors to the Southern Colorado Family Foundation. The foundation was created for the purpose of helping the citizens of the region create enduring, yet flexible charitable contributions that enhance the quality of life in their communities. "I am proud to have served as the foundation's first executive director. . . We have a stable foundation. The future is secure." Under Kathy's leadership, the foundation raised \$825,000 in cash and pledges and will most likely reach its goal of \$1 million by mid-year. "We have worked hard to achieve goals and to support the causes the community believes in."

Mr. Speaker, Kathy Farley deserves the thanks and praise of Congress for her work both in and for the community. I would like to wish Kathy good luck during her well-deserved retirement.

You have earned it Kathy!

## IN HONOR OF PAT COLLINS

## HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late John Patrick Collins, best known simply as Pat. A prolific businessman with an insatiable appetite for public service and an insurmountable sense of humility, Pat Collins was an individual who touched the lives of many and made a true difference in his community.

Pat entered the automotive sales industry in the early sixties, and became the general manager of a dealership before the age of 30. His ambitions knew no horizons. He eventually bought, helped turn around, and prospered from a failing dealership in northern Virginia. With those profits, he was often found working behind the scenes, donating resources to several organizations, often anonymously, to causes which he felt were important.

Pat's early life was impacted by living in a large, close-knit family of nine children where everyone looked out for one another, especially his brother Brian who was born with Down Syndrome. From this life experience, Pat became an outspoken advocate of the mentally impaired and fought to assure their equal rights. When it was discovered that a local facility was neglecting patient care, Pat devoted his time and energy to help bring about changes to remedy conditions for current and future patients. He was constantly speaking out for those who could not speak out for themselves.

Those who knew Pat best will always remember him as an incredibly bright man whose intellect was surpassed only by his generosity. Pat's departure leaves a significant void in the community where he was well known for his uncanny ability to cut directly to the heart of a matter and craft a common-sense solution. Pat Collins played an important role in the lives of many individuals who relied greatly on his counsel, advice, and mentoring to assist in running businesses, operating community projects, or putting together deals and programs to improve a community. As a philanthropist, Pat generously gave to several organizations, including Gonzaga College High School, St. Mary's Ryken High School, Calvert Hospice, and the Calvert County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Pat Collins is survived by his wife Ann; three children, John R., Daniel E. Collins, and Mary Mulford, all of St. Leonard; two sisters, Margaret Mary O'Brien of Rockville and Sheila Cotter of Annapolis; three brothers, Paul of Ocean City, Edward of Silver Spring, and Terence of Arnold; and three granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, I was always impressed by Pat's energy and ability to get things done

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